

## ZANOLI SOUGHT SPRITING UP.

Pastor Berkemeier's Version of Their Conversation.

SAID HE HAD NO FRIENDS.

Warden Fallon Understood That Zanoli Had Unburdened Himself.

HE LIED ABOUT MARIA DORN.

When He Told His Children to the Home He Said Her Maiden Name Was Heckman and Her Home Was Baden.

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This is the exact language of part of the interview which the barber, Zanoli, had in his cell in the Tombs on Friday night with his spiritual adviser, the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, of the Warburton Orphan Farm School at Mount Vernon.

The prison officials say the interview went deeper than is generally supposed. Warden Fallon declared yesterday that he understood Mr. Berkemeier to say that Zanoli had in effect confessed himself guilty, and implored the clergyman to give him spiritual counsel.

"The minister told me," said the Warden, "that he had a long conversation with the prisoner on religious matters and that the latter had unburdened his mind to him. Of course he did not repeat this talk to me. The conversation was carried on in the prisoner's cell in German, and nobody knows what passed except the clergyman and Zanoli. I do not think Mr. Berkemeier felt at liberty to give the full purport of the conversation, but I gathered from what he said that there had been a qualified confession."

Mr. Berkemeier was in the city yesterday attending to the printing of the annual report of the Orphan's Home, of which he is superintendent. He said that Zanoli had made no confession to him.

He Has No Money.

"I went to the Tombs to see Zanoli," said he, "because I knew him, and also because I wanted to induce him to let me take the boy Charlie back to the Home with me. Zanoli said to me: 'I am homeless. I have no friends.'"

"You have a good friend in God, Zanoli," said I.

"I am in a bad fix," he replied; "I do not think I will get out of it; it is all up with me."

He exhorted him to consider the needs of his soul and put his trust in God, and for some moments we talked in a vein of great seriousness. He was very much affected and wept continually. I tried to cheer him, but he was extremely despondent, and repeatedly declared that there was no hope for him.

Zanoli is like a human sponge. When he first came to me in August, 1895, and asked me to take his two children he began to weep copiously, as soon as I told him I could not take the children, because they were only half orphans. He finally consented to release all claim on the children, and they were over sixteen years old, and so we took them on probation.

"When they entered the Home the girl Charlotte was in a bad fix," he said, "and she showed the effects of ill treatment. The boy, on the contrary, was perfectly sane. Zanoli said the boy had been born in the city of New York, and that the child could not have been admitted to the Home without baptism. The girl was in a disgraceful condition. The clothes her father left with us were nothing but filthy rags. My wife cleaned the child up, and in the three weeks she was with us we became very much attached to her."

Lied About His First Wife.

"Zanoli said his wife's name was Maria Heckman, born at Miedelhof, Baden, and died June 17, 1895, of heart disease. When I learned that Charlotte had died of diptheria I was surprised, because she was so healthy while with us, and I remember I thought her death very strange."

Pastor Berkemeier, on Tuesday afternoon to see Emma Dorn, who is caring for the boy, Charles, No. 172 Elizabeth street, and asked her to return the child to the Home. She promised to persuade Zanoli to let Charlie go.

Zanoli was arraigned in Centre Street Court yesterday morning and remanded to the Tombs until December 28, when it is expected the report of Professor Withams, who is making the chemical analysis of the organs taken from the body of Jeanie Sullivan, will be ready.

Assistant District-Attorney Van Wyck, who is in charge of the case against Zanoli, said yesterday that the discovery made by the Journal that Zanoli had bought weapons from the Police of No. 3 Second avenue, was of great value to the prosecution.

The Journal," said he, "has exhibited commendable public spirit in this matter, and its example is worthy of emulation. Newspapers like the Journal render invaluable services to the public prosecutor and should be encouraged in carrying on the work they are doing. I am indebted to the Journal for much valuable assistance in the present case."

A strange feature of the Zanoli case is the careless manner in which the barber kept the various deadly drugs and poisons which he purchased.

There is a State law which compels druggists not only to label all poisons as such, but to print the name of the poison in plain letters on the bottle or package.

Zanoli, so far as can be learned from the specimens found in his flat and shop, went to his way to remove these means of identification. He poured the poison from the bottle in which he received it into another receptacle generally labelled in some name foreign to its contents. Thus, the bottle in which alic acid was discovered was branded "Ammonia."

It was also in the habit of perfuming the poisons, thus rendering them doubly deceptive. Those facts were brought to light by Professor H. T. Galois's analysis of the specimens found by Journal reporters in the home and barber shop of Zanoli.

W. E. PHILLIPS INDORSED.

Brooklyn Members of Greater New York Republican Committee Want Him Named Police Commissioner.

Ten Brooklyn members of the Greater New York Republican City Committee, held a meeting in the office of Michael J. Dady, in Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, indorsed William E. Phillips for Police Commissioner.

There were present at the meeting Theodore B. Willie, E. J. Kattenbach, M. J. Dady, Walter B. Atterbury, P. H. Flynn and William E. Phillips. It is said the meeting was called in a hurry in accordance with instructions from Senator Platt, R. Ross Appleton, who was a candidate, sent a letter withdrawing from the race.

Earthquakes in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Strong earthquake shocks, lasting twelve seconds, were felt at 8:30 this morning at Civita del Castello, Province of Perugia, Central Italy. The walls of houses and chimneys fell, the bells rang and a panic seized the inhabitants. The shocks were registered by the instruments here, at Siena and at Velletri.

## ARRESTS IN THE POISON A GIRL'S LAMBERT CASE. CURE FOR POVERTY.

Authorities and Friends Show Little Interest in Apprehending the Robbers.

Stepmother Says She Tried to Kill Six Beside Herself.

DRUG PUT IN THE SOUP.

At the Height of the Excitement, Ida Weinstein Herself Is Found Nearly Dead.

The one thing certain about Ida Weinstein is that, at sixteen years of age, she was so disgusted with a life of poverty that she tried to kill herself and very nearly succeeded.

It is not by any means certain, but it is solemnly affirmed by Ida's stepmother, that before losing herself with carbolic acid she added some of the drug to the soup on which six persons—her father, stepmother and four little brothers and sisters—were about to dine.

Now, although this ambitious little girl's discontent with life as she found it may have been bitter enough to make her wish to die, there is nothing to show that she had any conceivable motive for killing the six persons who shared that life with her.

Very fondly.

Ida Weinstein was guilty of cherishing aspirations beyond her station in life. Her stepmother spoke yesterday of this reprehensible inertia of the girl while speculating on Ida's chances of recovery from the poison.

"That child was always too fond of luxury," said Mrs. Weinstein, shrugging her shoulders with a deprecating air. "Why, if she had her way she would have had three times a day, and eggs and and butter."

Mrs. Weinstein could not have looked more scandalized if she had been disclosing her stepdaughter's partiality for stewed nightingales' tongues and '84 champagne.

No Luxuries for Them.

The Weinsteins live in a thickly populated tenement house at No. 45 Prince street, Newark, N. J. The head of the family, David Weinstein, earns \$3 a week on which the family of six—there were seven until Ida was taken to the City Hospital—makes shift to live. From which it was seen that Ida's desire for such luxuries as eggs and tea and butter were hardly in a fair way of gratification.

And there is still another explanation that may carry more weight than anything else that could be said. There has been no reward offered. In the second Nicholas case a reward of \$1,500 was specifically offered and Bondal was captured by Pinkerton detectives in a short time. In no other of the murder cases which have made Bathfield County the crime centre of this country for the past four months has a reward been offered, and in no other case has the murderer been captured.

When the fact that an attempt at murder had been made on the night of December 12, the police were notified. When the fact that the murderer had been captured was known last night the neighbors turned out with shot guns and pitch forks and other implements of war to search the country for the murderer. But the murderer was not one of the valiant criminal hunters in the field, and the community surrounding the scene of the tragedy was wrapped in a deadly silence.

Although there is no possibility of Professor Lambert's recovery, according to the physicians who are attending him, his hold upon life is slowly waning. When the first surgeon arrived after the shooting he said the victim would not live an hour. But with six bullets in his body—one of which penetrated the brain and another of which penetrated one lung—he lives, but is unconscious. Every effort is being made to revive him sufficiently to secure from him a statement of the shooting, but the prospect is deemed hopeless.

Mrs. Lambert Hysterical.

Mrs. Lambert has recovered entirely from the effects of the chloroform, but, while she has assisted in taking care of her husband, her conduct has been so nervous and hysterical that nothing approximating a statement of value can be obtained from her. Her brother, W. L. Ogden, would not give her to be seen today, and also refused to give any information whatever concerning her parentage and history of Benjamin Willis, an examination of the books of the academy, in which the name and address of Willis's father or whoever paid his tuition is undoubtedly registered, was denied by Mr. Ogden even to the Sheriff. Altogether there is an atmosphere surrounding the home of Professor Lambert which is as mysterious as that surrounding the attempted murder itself.

BERNARD J. YORK RESIGNS.

Brooklyn Special Commissioners of Jurors Gives Up His \$4,500 Job.

The resignation of Bernard J. York as special Commissioner of Jurors in Kings County was filed yesterday with the clerk of the Appellate Court in Brooklyn. Mr. York has gone to Lakewood to lay before Mr. Croker John Shea's claim to a Bridge Commissioner'ship.

Mr. York resigns in order to become Police Commissioner under the new administration. There are a number of candidates for the place he has vacated. The salary is \$4,500 a year and the tenure is practically life.

A reason given for Mr. York's resignation at this time is that the Appellate Division is now composed of three Democrats and two Republicans. After January 1 it may be of three Republicans and two Democrats. Thomas York, a brother of Bernard J. York, has been represented as candidate for the place, but he declined yesterday that he was not in the race.

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